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Letter dated 21 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Acting on instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning the continuing Israeli aggression against Lebanon, I have the honour to draw your attention to the following Israeli attacks:

1. On 21 May 1992, at 0925 hours (local time), Israeli F-16 fighters bombed the Chara area near the village of Nabi-Chit (district of Baalbek), killing 5 people and wounding 15 others.

2. On 19 May 1992, from 1750 to 1920 hours, several villages in the south, including Mlita, Nabi Sujud, Zawtar west and east, Jarjoue, Baraachit, Loueize and Mlikh were subjected to heavy pounding from militia positions answerable to Israel.

3. That same day, the villages of Choukine and Majdel Selem were pounded. A man and a woman were seriously wounded. At the same time, Israeli helicopters were flying over the Litani River dropping chaff.

4. On 10 May 1992, at 1730 hours, Israeli helicopters systematically raked the Litani River zone with machine-gun fire. At the same time, Israeli artillery subjected certain villages in the district of Nabatiyet and Iqlim al-Tuffah to heavy bombing for several hours.

The Lebanese Government denounces and condemns the continuing Israeli aggression, in particular the bombing of the villages in the south. In this

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connection, the bloody raid carried out today is a flagrant and unwarranted act of aggression against an area located inside Lebanese territory, 50 kilometres from the border strip which, itself, is inside Lebanese territory and occupied by Israel.

The continued Israeli aggression against Lebanese territory and civilians, their houses and their villages, and the constant violations of Lebanese sovereignty in complete defiance of the Charter of the United Nations and international norms demonstrate that Israel has set itself the policy of destabilizing Lebanon, in general, and the southern part of the country in particular, and interfering with the country's security.

The Lebanese Government draws the attention of the international community, particularly the members of the Security Council, to the plight of the Lebanese in the south as a result of Israel's continued policy of occupation and aggression. It again stresses the need to bring Israel to implement Security Council resolution 425 (1978) and to put an end to its policy of aggression which runs counter to the ongoing peace initiatives and which will ultimately cause this process to fail.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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